

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Borough****Project Title:**

Kenai Peninsula Borough - Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**House District: 33 - Q**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The \$50,000 will be used to purchase 20 sets of personal protection equipment (fire suits, boots, etc) to enable volunteers to perform firefighting and rescue duties.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$50,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) encompasses 200 square miles surrounding Homer and Kachemak City. Since its formation, the population has more than doubled. For the past several years the City of Homer has run the operations under contract for the service areas. It has become evident through dwindling resources, delayed response times, and a decreased level of service that the service area must provide independent first response fire and emergency management service to the community. The service area has been working towards this goal and currently has the necessary facilities, apparatus, and equipment in place. The next logical step is to outfit area volunteers with the appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE).

Personal Protection Equipment is essential to firefighting. Without PPE volunteers cannot perform their duties of firefighting and rescue. Kachemak Emergency Service has already purchased two sets of PPE in order to begin getting enough bunker gear for all of its volunteers. (Each set of PPE cost \$2,700.) Without more PPE volunteers cannot attend to the emergency situations within the KESA.

Project Timeline:

Once the funds are received the personal protection equipment (PPE) will be ordered, the PPE should arrive in roughly two months.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kachemak Emergency Services

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

YEAR 2008 STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA

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**Project
Priority
Ranking: 1**

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Total Project Cost: \$50,000

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Election Districts: Senate District: R
House District: 35

How has the community shown support for this project? (Volunteerism, money, resolutions, etc.)

There has been increased support for the service area to become independent and a list of potential volunteers has been compiled. Under the current contract with the City of Homer these volunteers would not be allowed to respond with the KESA equipment as a first response team. There are many of these qualified volunteers that live in the service area and within short response time of the station that are ready to support their community immediately.

What steps have been taken to date to get this project going?

KESA is researching many types of PPE equipment and is taking the next step in the evaluation process by field testing equipment manufactured by the major vendors of PPE gear.

How did the Service Area select this project as a funding priority? (Community meeting, survey, etc.)

Volunteers are the most valued resource a department and community can have and protecting those volunteers from the hazards they face every time they respond to a call is of the utmost importance. With the independent operation of the service area becoming inevitable, this initial purchase of PPE has become a priority.

**If you conducted a community meeting, how was it advertised?
When and where was the meeting held?**

KESA did not conduct a community meeting specific to this issue, but included it as an agenda item at two regularly scheduled board meetings. The meetings are advertised in the local newspapers and on local radio. The agenda is posted at the local borough office.

Who attended (List specific groups such as community council, APC, general public, etc.)

General public, KESA board members, and a KPB assembly representative Milli Martin

Who owns the property and what is the status of the land for the project?

N/A

Who will own the project or facility?

The Kenai Peninsula Borough will own this equipment on behalf of the service area.

How will the project be constructed or accomplished?

KESA will first field test the top vendors of PPE and then advertise a request for bids from distributors for the top two recommendations.

Who will operate and/or maintain the project or facility?

Kachemak Emergency Service Area firefighters and EMT's will utilize and maintain this equipment.

Maintenance and operations will be funded through the service area's annual budget based on a 1.75 mil tax levied on service area real and personal property.